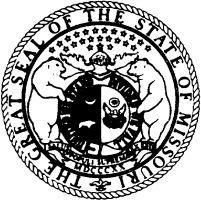


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Missouri's Earthquake Awareness Activities Span Entire Month of February

The State of Missouri is expanding its Earthquake Awareness Month (EQAM) activities to include the entire month of February, Gov. Jay Nixon and the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) announced today. Events for citizens and business owners will be held in St. Louis, Cape Girardeau, Jefferson City, Fort Leonard Wood, Platte County, Sikeston and Perryville. SEMA's 2009 Earthquake Awareness campaign is stressing home and business mitigation projects and activities, which will save lives and protect property.

"A major earthquake in the New Madrid Seismic Zone could impact 47 counties in Missouri and have a devastating impact on Missourians and Missouri businesses," Gov. Nixon said. "I urge Missourians to take the Earthquake Awareness Month activities seriously. By taking earthquake safety measures, citizens can better protect themselves and their homes, and businesses can protect their property, supply and distribution lines, as well as their employees."

"Citizens who understand earthquake, flooding, and tornado hazards and actively take measures to protect their families and property now have a better chance of being survivors, not victims," added Acting State Emergency Management Agency Director John M. Campbell.

SEMA's Earthquake Awareness Month campaign focuses on safety and home mitigation activities citizens can do to protect their homes. To help citizens be prepared, there is information on ensuring emergency food and water supplies are on hand; putting together a 3-day survival pack; and knowing how to protect yourself during an earthquake by practicing "drop, cover & hold." To help citizens and businesses mitigate the damaging effects of an earthquake, SEMA also includes information on mitigation strategies, and how-to instructions for securing water and gas lines, computers, pictures and mirrors, bookcases and other heavy objects.

Missourians can download and print this information at the 2009 EQAM link:
<http://sema.dps.mo.gov/EQ09/EQ09Awareness.htm>

The 2009 Earthquake Awareness Month Activities are free. The public and businesses are invited to attend awareness local events include:

Saturday, Jan. 31: Earthquake Displays at West Park Mall, Cape Girardeau.

***Wednesday, Feb. 4:** Disaster Medicine 101 Post Earthquake for Public Health, Little Rock, Ark., video conference. SEMA and the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services will host video conferencing for this class at several sites in Missouri including Jefferson City.

Thursday, Feb. 5: MO Seismic Safety Commission Meeting, St Louis.

Thursday, Feb. 5: St. Louis Area Earthquake Hazards Mapping Project, St Louis.



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Friday, Feb. 6: "Earthquake Means Business" Seminar at AT&T Center, St. Louis. Limited to 300 participants. Register online before Monday, Feb. 2, 2009 at www.gatewayccc.us under the "Register For An Event" link.

Friday, Feb. 6: SAVE Coalition Board Meeting, Jefferson City

Tuesday, Feb. 12: SAVE Coalition (ATC-20) Training class, Fort Leonard Wood.

Thursday, Feb 19: Earthquake Awareness Town Hall Meeting 6 p.m. at the Platte County Resource Center, Kansas City.

Monday, Feb. 23: Washington County Business Leaders luncheon on Earthquakes, Potosi. **Thursday,**

Mar 6: Earthquake Non-Structural Mitigation Workshop for Hospitals, St Peters.

Tuesday, Feb. 24: Earthquake Non-Structural Mitigation Workshop at 8 a.m., Clinton Building, Sikeston.

Friday, Feb. 27: Perry County Health Dept hosting an Earthquake Awareness forum 10 a.m., Eagles Lodge, Perryville.

The **Missouri Department of Natural Resources' Division of Geology & Land Survey** will be hosting earthquake classes for schools during February. **DNR's Division of State Parks** will host earthquake activities at Onondaga Cave State Park in Crawford County in early February.